Rev B. J. Riley
Stated Clerk. Synod Wis.

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& 50 Circulars sent

Synod of Wisconsin
1878, Nov. 21st

Lodi, Wis. Nov. 21st. 1878.

Mrs. C. E. Boyd,

Dear Madam,

The package of notices sent by you to be distributed to the Ladies who may have been appointed Committees on Woman's work in Home Missions by the Synod of Wisconsin is just rec'd.

I regret to say the Synod did not make the appointments as requested by the Sec's of the Board of H. Ms. After I had read the Circular from the Board, it was referred to the Ch'n of the Permanent Com. on H. Ms. I found by conferring with him in regard to the matter, that he was averse to taking any measures at present in the direction of organizing a Woman's B'd. of

H. M. I also brot the Subject before several of the lady delegates to their meeting, which occurred at the same place & time our Synod met, & who were connected with the Woman's Bd. of Foreign Missions. They expressed the opinion that it would not be best now to organize a Separate Bd. for H. M. The way did not seem clear to do so.

The Woman's Bd. of For. Missions in connection with our Synod has been in existence only a little over 2 years, & the Ladies interested are bending all their energies to secure an auxiliary organization in all the churches. They think it best to do what they can in preparing boxes of clothing, as they have done for the Home Missionaries, waiting to find the fitting time to organize as proposed. The Ladies in our larger Chs are earnestly interested in the H. M. work, as their generous boxes sent to the Home Missionaries show, but they seem not yet ready to enlist in a new organization.

The Board greatly needs the aid that would be rendered by a Home Board among the Ladies, & I trust the time is near when the Ladies will be at work as enthusiastically & as successfully in the Home work as they are now in the Foreign work.

Yours Respectfully
B. G. Riley
Stated Clerk of
Synod of Miss.

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.

Chippewa.	Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, N. La Crosse, Wis.
	Mrs. W. A. Johnston, Galesville, Wis.
Wisconsin River.	
	Mrs. W. A. McAtee, Madison, Wis.
	Miss Lizzie Osborne, Portage, Wis.
Milwaukee.	Mrs. J. H. Kinney, Janesville, Wis.
	Mrs. F. Messer, Beloit, Wis.
Winnebago.	Mrs. Hiram Smith, Neenah, Wis.
	Mrs. B. M. Caldwell, Appleton, Wis.
Lake Superior.	
	Mrs. A. W. Bill, Menominee, Michigan.
	Mrs. J. M. Wilkinson, Marquette, Mich.

Wisconsin River Presbyterian Society

Wausau			28	75
Hillsboro			34	00
Lodi		8.70		
"	"Mission Band"	11.00	19	70
Lowville	Cash	24.00		
"	Box clothing	33.13	57	13
Mineral Point			6	00
Madison	"Second Church"	40.00		
"	1st. P. C. Sab. Sch. Mission	14.18		
"	Box " " "	141.49	201	49
Baraboo	Personal Tax		31	65
Poynette	Box fr. Rev. E. Everett, Effingham Ill.	5.65		
"	" Indian School, Arkansas	24.10	77	65
Portage	Mrs. Mc Kennard's School, Alaska		50	00
Reedsburg	Home Mission Church, Salt Lake, Utah	H.M.B.	4	71
	Total		581	08

Milwaukee Presbyterian Society

Beloit	25 copies "Home Missionary" taken	59.66		
"	for Home Missions			
"	" Int. Mission, Alaska	15.00	104	66
Janesville	Box, Rev. Chas. Pearce, Richland Centre, Wis.		37	34
Somers	" Rev. Burton, Nasonville, Wis	50.00		
"	S.S. Band to Home Missions	6.00	56	00
			7	00
Stone Bank	Cash			
Milwaukee	Buffalo overcoat, Rev. J. D. Davis, Sault Ste. Marie	10.00		
Immanuel	Rev. Swan, Menominee	250.00		
Church	Bales	400.00	660	00

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Annual Report of the Home Missionary Dept. of the "Fox River Synodical Missionary Society" for Synod of Wisconsin

Organized March. 30. 1871.

	Superior Presbyterial Society		
Oconto	Thirty ephies "Home Missionary" taken		40 00
Marquette	Stephen Simmons	5.00	
"	Sister [illegible]	[illegible]	
"	Alaska per Mrs. Dyer	[illegible]	
	Echoes "	27.00	142 00
	Total		182 00
	Chippewa Presbyterial Society		
Hudson			7 00
	Winnebago Presbyterial Society		
Fond du Lac	Contributions added to general Church collection for Home Missions		
"	City Mission work		138 25
Appleton	"Bayard's Ey. Tone" Sun-Beam	5.00	
"	Collection Envelopes in Appleton	6.00	
"	S.S. Band for Home Missions	15.65	66 65
Omro	Second Church collection for H.M.	5.00	
"	Cotting S.S. Children for Mission school	15.00	
"	Towards Mrs. Bayard's salary, Subscribed	2.60	22 60
Oshkosh	Home Mission Church, without Ladies contribution to Pastor's salary. The H.M. Board would have been additionally tapped	104.00	
"	Home Missions	6.00	110.00
Ripon	Home Mission Church, Oshkosh		
	Towards Pastor's salary	5.61	
	" other Church expenses	21.25	106 86
Neenah	"Bayard's Ey. Tone"	30.00	
"	City Mission work	125 28	155 28
	Total		529 64

	Milwaukee Presbyterial Society continued				
Milwaukee	Bx ft "	Forward		866	00
Calvary Pres.	Cash and Box	Rev. Lucas Abells, Platteville	220.31		
Church	" " "	" B. L. Miller, Lodi.	157.48	377	78
			24.00		
Waukesha	"		70.80		
"	Boxes		22.77	117	57
"	S. S. Band.	Cash		110	00
Watertown	Box.	Rev. A. L. Fisher, Secretary.		1471	35
	Total				

Summary 1872-873

Superior Presbyterial Society		182 00
Chippewa "	"	7 00
Winnebago "	"	599 64
Wisconsin River "	"	581 08
Milwaukee "	"	1471 35
Total as far as reported		2841.07

The "Woman's Synodical Missionary Society" for the Synod of Wisconsin was organized, March. 30. 1871. Its object was to spread an interest in and secure systematic contributions for the Home and Foreign Missionary Boards of the Presbyterian Church. At first it was an independent organization and enjoyed a season of prosperity until discussions arose as to the practicability of eliminating the Foreign Missionary element, thus making, if adopted, the Synodical Society Home Missionary only, and not Missionary. These discussions were continued & continued from meeting to meeting, until April. 10. 1875 when the decision was unanimously made that the Synodical Society must be Missionary, &

Home & Foreign. At the Society enlarged its bounds, and after the "Woman's Executive Committee" was formed, the discussion was renewed ^ [as to having two separate organizations] but our pleasure was expressed once more that the subject was dropped &c. &c. that the Mission only one Woman's Missionary organization could be sustained. In October, 1879 a large Committee was appointed to give the subject of two Missionary organizations careful and thorough consideration and to report the following year. The result was, that at the Annual Synodical Meeting held Oct. 15. 1880 with the most general representation & interest known in the Synod, it was unanimously decided that one Society, [Woman's] should manage their Missionary work according to their best judgment, but the Synodical Society must be Missionary and no division of funds could be tolerated. The Field is one, the Work, - the Needs is one, Saints, the Command also is one, "Follow me".

The Recording Secretary has always (since 1875) reported the Foreign part of the work to the Board of the Northwest and the Corresponding Secretary has never failed to make an Annual Report of the Home Missionary part of the work either to the Board of H.M. or to the "Woman's Executive Committee", or by special request to Sheldon Jackson, D.D. one year, and another year to Mrs. M.L. Anderson. Sometimes these reports have been accompanied with Thanks, more frequently no notice has been taken of them and year after year, this Mission has been, notices omitted in the Reports of the "Woman's Executive Committee.

Wisconsin is largely Home Missionary ground and self help- that is, money raised by the women of the Church to help out the Missionary's support & to pay other necessary Church expenses is usually and truly Home Missionary work as if the money raised were sent direct by to the Board and then appropriated and sent back again.

This is the condition of most of the Churches in Chippewa Presbytery, hence the encouragement of their report, Trempealeau & Dakota Presbyteries also abound in Home Mission Churches. Some of the Synodical Officers have worked for thirty years in behalf of Home Mission and extension of Presbyterianism in Wisconsin - Mrs. Hannah P. Vedder Cor. Secretary 122 10th St. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

SYNOD of WISCONSIN 1881

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WOMAN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE, June 9th, 1899.

Mrs. Simmons

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the "Woman's Synodical Missionary Society" was held in the parlors of Immanuel Church, June 7. The Efficacy of Prayer was the theme presented and emphasized throughout the meeting.

Reports, though few in number, were encouraging. Two new societies have recently been organized; missionary interest is being revived in a society whose life has seemed doubtful. Our pledge to the debt of the Home Board has been more than met; $128.30 having been raised. Reminiscences formed a large part of this most delightful session. The reports recently sent to the Woman's Home and Foreign Boards from our Society were listened to with interest. Impressions and the spirit of General Assembly were presented in a most happy manner by one of our delegates. Mrs. Slifer, of Appleton, whose removal from the state we deeply regret, gave, in a most practical talk, some impressions, received from the recent annual meeting of the "Board of the Northwest," concerning the work of the young people. She reiterated and emphasized what so many thinking women have come to recognize, namely: "Our young people, and their name is 'Legion,' are looking to, and waiting for, us, to inform and guide them. With us lies the responsibility of molding their efforts." One statement, made by her was most pertinent: "The 'Student-Volunteer-Movement,' conceived in the earnest hearts of enthusiastic Christian young men at Yale, in 1898, though in its tender years, stands as a mighty power for good. There is one danger, however, which threatens its success—timidity on the part of societies to accept its proffered help.

The "provisional program," presented by the committee for the annual meeting of our Society, to be held in Ashland in October, promises to be rich in interest and practical value.

We were most happy in having with us, one who occupies an office recently created for the benefit of the work of the "Board of the North-West," Mrs. Wells, "Field Secretary."

The office was not created, as some have inferred, for the purpose of doing away with the work of the Synodical societies, but solely for the purpose of securing information as to the exact conditions of the societies of the Synods. The matter presented by her was of intense interest. She made a most earnest plea for the sending out of more missionaries into foreign fields. This great need is accounted for in two ways: Within the last six months nine missionaries have dropped out; some through marriage, others by death, said to be caused by *overwork*. Further, the work is growing most rapidly; calls for the message of Christ are coming from every quarter of the globe. This *need* calls for increased contributions. Two plans were suggested to meet this pressing demand: 1. More societies should be organized. Success in organization does not depend upon *money;* the objective point, at first, may be to *read* and *pray*. In this matter of *organization* Mrs. Wells stands ready to come to any who desire her services.

2. There should be an increased membership. The acknowledged fact "that every member of the church should be considered a member of the missionary society," through the vigorous efforts of our President, is gaining ground throughout the state. Mrs. Wells strongly emphasized the aforesaid "fact." In this connection she presented a circular and pledge-card which embody suggestions from the "board," a sample of which you will find enclosed; copies of the same may be secured at "Room 48" for the mere postage. The Executive Committee recommended these suggestions to the Presbyteries.

Owing to *continued pressure*, from many and various sources, the officers find it *necessary* to request, kindly but *most earnestly*, the Secretaries to respond to all communications at the earliest *possible* moment.

Your special attention, and that of your societies, is called to the following condensed statement compiled from statements received from Presbyterial Secretaries.

	No. Societies.	No. Bands.	No. S. S.	No. C. E.	"Woman's Work."	"Over S. & L."	"Home Mission M."
Chippewa	10	1	1	5	9	28	8
La Crosse	6	.....	3	3	7	.....	4
Madison	15	.....	6	10	33	.....	34
Milwaukee	13	2	5	9	38	31	44
Winnebago	17	2	2	7	84	77	84

	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Freedmen.	Boxes.	Total.
Chippewa	$ 201.42	$202.59	$ 30.65	$ 60.00	$ 494.66
La Crosse	146.87	101.95	3.27	.....	252.09
Madison	490.89	394.91	111.85	195.00	1,192.65
Milwaukee	1,104.78	479.84	179.00	605.52	2,369.14
Winnebago	566.28	592.48	100.00	206.56	1,465.82

The following is our list of pledges:

Mrs. Hanson, Laos,	$400 00	(Synod.)
Mrs. Clark, India,	400 00	(Milwaukee Presbytery.)
Mrs. Bird, Syria,	400 00	(Synod.)
Mrs. Ayres, Japan,	400 00	(Synod.)
Mrs. Campbell, Mexico,	400 00	(Synod.)
Miss Wheeler, Mexico,	750 00	(Synod.)
Miss McDermid, Mexico,	750 00	(Synod.)
~~Miss Mooman, China,~~	~~550 00~~	~~(Chippewa Presbytery.)~~?
Special objects,	789 95	
Total,	$4,839 95	
Total contributions,	2,538 01	

In addition to the above the C. E. of Winnebago Presbytery have pledged their contributions to Mrs. Wallace, and the C. E. of the Synod to Miss Shaefer of Hainan, China.

How are these pledges to be met?

As a step in the right direction we would suggest that the Secretaries take the annual report of the Board of the North-West as soon as it is published, look over the list of "special objects" and write to the various societies asking if they are still giving to those objects.

Most sincerely yours,

MRS. SUMNER J. COLLINS, *Recording Secretary.*

Home excess in Synod according to reports $923.85 more than Contributions

Chippewa = Home excess $91.52
La Crosse = "So much absolutely needed at Home" that any contribution is
Madison = Home excess $210.81 plus generous contributions to Poynette Academy
Milwaukee = " " $159.48 " " " to Home Missions
Winnebago = " " $332.66 " " " " " "

Immanuel and Summer Home Sessions among Students for Young people's work is most gratifying

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

A recent letter from Mrs. Ayres, our missionary in Japan, contains interesting details of the work there. She writes: "In our mission station here we now number six adults and five children, quite a difference since the time when Mrs. Ayres and I were the only ones who represented the work here. All are in good health and busy. The school occupies all of Miss Bigelow's time, yet aside from that she *makes* time to teach a large class of young men in the S. S., and superintends a street S. S., composed of those gathered from the streets, or the homes of unbelievers.

"A week ago, 8 of the school girls joined the church, and in some of them the fruits of their profession are being most markedly shown. During this week a series of meetings is being held, with the hope of arousing the church members to a sense of their privileges as Christians, and their duty to the many about them who are ignorant and indifferent to God.

"Young Men's Christian Associations have been started in the Government College here and also in the church, and the pastors and missionaries join in helping both as much as possible. A Japanese girl who is our bible woman was here this morning and in speaking of the difficulties in the way of people accepting the gospel, said: 'There are many who are interested, but are kept from confessing Christ by fear of their relatives, and you in free America can scarcely imagine how great an influence the opinions of one's relatives have in deciding any important question in the lives of these people.'"

SYRIA.—Mrs. Bird writing from Abeih, in lieu of sending an account of her own work, gives an extract from a recent letter from their valued and very active associate, Mr. Geo. C. Doolittle, who three years ago was stationed at Deir el Komr. He has full charge of that place and the schools there. Mrs. Bird says: "He carries a bright face and has a kindly word for all. Two sweet little children, Karl and Alice, brighten their home, which is an object lesson in the place." The following is the extract from his letter:

"Perhaps you would like to accompany your missionary on one of his short trips to a village. He generally goes on a Saturday afternoon to spend Sunday. He orders his horse to be saddled while he prepares for the ride. If it is a rainy day he must don a great array of rubber garments until nothing is visible but eyes, nose and mouth, like an armored and visored knight of old. He fills the capacious saddle bags with clothing, toilet articles, sermons, books, Sunday school papers and the like, and makes his way over execrable roads to the appointed place. Arrived, he greets his host with the usual formula of questions and answers, gently insinuates that he wishes his horse well provided for; partakes of a supper prepared in Syrian style, and served generally on a small table six inches *low*, then spends the evening in conversing with the friends who gather. The topics are varied, and America is a favorite—its wonder and its progress. The evening ends about three o'clock, (e. c. three hours after sunset) with reading and prayer.

Sunday is generally a busy day, with two or three services, a session meeting occasionally, Sunday school to visit, sick to cheer, aggrieved to pacify, and that night's bed, laid upon the matted floor, welcomes a tired missionary.

Monday morning is often devoted to visiting the school and in attending to business items. These are multifarious. Perhaps the teacher must be made to understand that he cannot expect a raise of salary at present; or the owner of the school will build an addition if we will advance the rent for three years; and applicants for admission to boarding schools are always at hand, and *always* form an exception (as their parents think) to any rule formulated on the subject. Each one is a Newton in intellect, and a Mark Hopkins in pedagogic possibilities. Oh, the words that are wasted in such discussions! The missionary is made foster-father to dozens of children every year. They are given to him outright, to do with them as he pleases! Then dramatically is he impressed with his responsibility in the matter.

He returns to his home often wondering at the ingenuity of the people in inventing business for him. He must add to the usual duties of home pastors gleanings from almost every trade, profession, business or handicraft under the sun. No skill, no experience, no talent, no knowledge is lost to service in the mission field. He is expected to use part of his time in social calls (for the Deir is a highly civilized place). He has been known to deliver popular lectures; his station accounts must be kept exactly and intelligibly; home duties may not be neglected; yet, withal, your missionary finds time for *some* strictly religious work. For example, during his fifth year in Syria—ending June 29th, 1898—he was present at 212 religious meetings, 190 of them in Arabic. In those he preached 114 times, spoke informally 19 times, held 20 communions and conducted three funerals. He also found time to prepare the annual report of Abeih station for year 1897, and to write many letters of various kinds.

Thus he manages to keep busy, and trusts that his "labor is not in vain in the Lord."

From Utah comes the word: "The Mormons here seem to feel confident of B. N. Roberts' success. They feel quite confident that all opposition will vanish as mist before the sun when he pours forth his irresistible oratory in the halls of Congress." We must not rest in our efforts to combat this powerful evil.

MRS. G. W. OGDEN,
Sec'y of Missionary Correspondence.

PLEASE READ AT YOUR NEXT MEETING AND PRESERVE FOR REFERENCE.

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WOMAN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN WISCONSIN.

Milwaukee, September 5, 1901.

The Fourth Quarterly Meeting of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society was held in the parlors of Immanuel Church, Sept. 4th.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Geo. Douglas presided, opening the meeting with devotional exercises, which were concluded by Mrs. Grobman.

An interesting address was delivered by Mrs. Chauncey Goodrich of China, also an able paper on "Education in Egypt," by Mrs. E. P. Bacon, who has recently visited that country.

Mrs. C. A. Maynard was elected Synodical Delegate to the annual meeting at Hudson.

A new society of fourteen members was organized last October in De Pere, Mrs. F. J. Wells, President, and Mrs. H. A. Talbot, Secretary, and to them this society extends hearty congratulations.

When a change occurs in the list of officers of a society it is urgently requested that the General Secretary be immediately notified.

The Board of the Northwest desires that the Bulletin be distributed by the Presbyterial Secretaries. Each society is requested to send twenty cents to their Presbyterial Secretary to defray extra postage.

Inquiries have been made regarding the work of the Synodical Society known as "Home Missions in Wisconsin," and the following facts are given: Owing to the rapid development of the lumber and mining regions in Northern and Central Wisconsin, and the adjacent towns, more frequent religious services than the Board of Home Missions could supply became necessary. So an undenominational work was commenced by Rev. Buswell and assistants, who were able to perform but a portion of the work to be done. The Synodical Missionaries, the Revs. L. C. Smith and Joseph Brown, recognizing the magnitude and importance of the work and the great need of immediate action, appealed to the Society for assistance.

Mrs. Vaughan Marquis presented a resolution at the annual meeting held in Ashland, October, 1899, which was enthusiastically adopted: That three hundred dollars be raised during the year to support a young woman to assist the Revs. Smith and Brown. Mrs. Marquis accompanied the resolution with a gift of twenty-five dollars, and Mrs. Humphreys, of Hudson, added a like amount.

Stimulated by encouraging reports of the contributions to this work during the preceding year, a committee was appointed at the annual meeting in Waukesha, October, 1900, to be known as "Home Missions in Wisconsin," Mrs. T. E. Balding, Chairman. It was resolved that four hundred dollars be raised during 1900-1901 to cover traveling expenses as well as the salary of the missionary worker.

Miss Susie Pinkham was secured for the new position, and her work consists principally in going from house to house and awakening the interest of women and children and gaining their attendance at religious service, either in the Sabbath School or the Chapel. Her work the past year has been most satisfactory.

The annual meeting of the Womans' Synodical Missionary Society will be held at Hudson, Oct. 9 and 10, and promises to be one of unusual interest. It will be the thirtieth annual meeting and will also commemorate the semi-centennial of the Synod. Appearing on the program will be Miss S. F. Lincoln, of New York; Mrs. D. B. Wells, of Chicago, and others.

The Presbyterian ladies of Hudson extend a cordial invitation to each church to send a large representation. Delegates from the Womans' Societies, Christian Endeavor Societies, and Sabbath Schools, are expected. The names of Delegates should be sent to Mrs. H. C. Baker, Hudson. The usual reduction in railroad rates is hoped for, and a railroad certificate should be obtained when purchasing tickets.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. HORACE P. YALE.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

ALASKA.—In a letter from Hoonah, dated June 24, Mrs. Carle says: "At the time of our last letter to you, our work was being greatly hindered by a disease which has since been pronounced smallpox. It has swept over Southeastern Alaska, among the natives, but the white people have not as yet been much affected. The disease has run its course among the Hoonahs, and so far as we can learn only eighteen people out of a tribe of five hundred have died—nine in the village and nine in the camp. But nearly all of our chief men were taken, including Moses, the man who made the "biggest feast" in Alaska. Just one month from the day the feasters left us, poor Moses was called away from earth. Two weeks before at prayer-meeting he had declared his purpose to quit all old customs and, "trusting in Jesus Christ to hold him faithful," he would do what Mr. Carle had told them to do. He bought a Bible at the close of the meeting and spent the remainder of the evening with us. Little did we then think that we should see his face no more. He was a fine specimen of manhood, genial and pleasant to an unusual degree among the natives.

The people were wild for medicine, and many heartrending appeals came for help. But we had no medicine, no doctor and no knowledge: aside from a little food or cathartics there was nothing we could do. Most pathetic accounts could be given of individual cases of suffering and death. One man, a polygamist, and very high caste, who had refused to give up his polygamous relations, had his favorite wife taken. Oh! it was a broken and humbled old man who came to us and said, "I refused to do right and now God has punished me and taken her away."

Amidst many trials and discouragements, the gospel fires are still burning brightly in many hearts, and I can but feel that with *their* light and knowledge they surpass the white Christians. When we consider that they cannot read, and that not more than a dozen people in our whole tribe can understand English sufficiently well to carry on a conversation, so that all work must be done through an interpreter, the wonder is that they do half as well as they do.

At Presbytery we learned that our people had given more money to the Church Boards than any other Church in the Presbytery except the White Church at Skagway and the native one at Sitka, and they gave more than those in proportion to the number of members.

We have had a postoffice, with male every two weeks, since the 7th of May, but as we were under quarantine we were not allowed to send any mail for over two months. It is such a blessing to have regular mail: a regular mail boat means no more starving times for us and our little ones. Rev. Mr. Harrison, writing for the H. M. Monthly, did rightly describe the situation on the steam-ship lines, but at the isolated stations it is very different. No doctors, no nurses, no medicine, no fresh food, with the exception of a few vegetables we raise and native berries in their season; no help, however great the need: mail by chance, and no neighbors. But we are not complaining, and only hope we may be permitted to stay and labor for this people.

MEXICO.—A few extracts from the "Report of the Mexico Mission" for 1900 will give an idea of the importance of the work at Saltillo, superintended by Miss Wheeler, and at Mexico City, where Miss McDermid is located:

"Away back in the fifties a Presbyterian lady by the name of Miss Melinda Rankin began work on the Mexican border. In 1864 she entered Matamoros, and shortly after made her headquarters at Monterey, where she gathered about her a company of preachers and colporters and opened a school which was later transferred to our Mission and has grown into our Girls' Normal School of Saltillo.

"It is only in very recent years that educational advantages have been open to woman in Mexico. Public opinion does not demand of her more than very rudimentary book knowledge, some skill with her needle and ability to superintend a house; and the accomplishments of the average woman are brought down to a much lower level even than this by the large and ignorant laboring class, or what might be termed, the submerged nine-tenths.

"It is a significant fact that the intellectual leaders of this country, the men of affairs in politics, commerce and education have broken with the Catholic Church while their wives and daughters continue to yield blind homage to a depraved priesthood.

"In the prevailing disregard of the laws of health, woman's ignorance is seen reflected upon the community. Let her be instructed as to the life-giving properties of sunlight and fresh air and she will no longer be content to shut herself and her family up in crowded, dark rooms. Let her understand the relative value of proteine, starch and fat, and it will be her pleasure to provide something more than 'tortillas' and beans for the daily diet. Let her comprehend the physiological condition which causes a cold or fever and she will not have such a mortal dread of washing her little one's face in the former instance nor refuse him the refreshing drink he craves in the latter.

"An American physician who has practiced many years in this country was once asked how Mexico could hold such a high rank among the nations in medical science when so little skill is shown in actual practice. He replied, 'In point of theory, Mexican physicians are unsurpassed, but when it comes to putting their knowledge into practice the traditions of their mothers have more weight than any amount of book learning.'

"The Normal Schools for Girls, under the care of the Presbyterian Church, have more applications for admission than accommodations, and without any solicitations whatever on the part of the teachers.

"These two schools represent the pioneer work for women along educational lines, and from small beginnings have attained an influence which is felt throughout the entire country. The course covers twelve years, including Primary, Intermediate, Preparatory and Normal Departments. The efficient service rendered by graduates of these institutions in the schools of Mexico, and Texas, even, should be considered with the other wonders in national progress achieved during the closing years of the past century."

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WOMAN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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The Third quarterly meeting of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society was held in the spacious home of Mrs. C. B. Manville, Wednesday morning, June first. About 100 were present. Our beloved President, Mrs. Vedder, called the meeting to order.

The devotional exercises led by Mrs. George Douglass were most impressive and the influence of her words seemed to prevail through the entire morning. Mrs. Douglass read different texts of scriptures from which these thoughts were taken: "Rivers of God," "Peace," "Help," "Water is the symbol of his loving care for us. All can have the water of God's Grace if we will, and we can find help from the ever-flowing River of His mercy." Short prayers were made by Mesdames Childs and Fitzgerald and Miss Young.

The annual report of the Board of the Northwest and the Woman's Board of Home Missions were read by the secretaries, Mrs. H. A. Sifton and Mrs. W. J. McElroy, respectively. The Treasurer's report followed and showed a balance of $41.32 in the Contingent Fund; a balance of $1206.49 in the Vaughn Marquis annuity. But $338.86 was contributed during the year for Home Missions in Wisconsin, according to statements received from New York, not quite sufficient to pay Miss Austin's salary; or to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Larson; or to continue Miss Pinkham's services unless an immediate effort is made by all of the societies to increase the fund during the next three months. Mrs. Vedder made a special request that each member present carry to her society the importance of increasing the fund for Home Mission work in Wisconsin. We were pleased to learn that $252.00 of the $500.00 asked for the Silver Anniversary offering for the James Memorial had been contributed. Mrs. Ogden, Secretary of Missionary Correspondence, gave a report.

In the absence of Mrs. S. W. Wilson, Chairman of Home Missions in Wisconsin, her report was read by the Secretary and was most interesting and encouraging. She told of the many miles traveled by both Mr. Wilson and Miss Austin, and the interest manifested in the meetings which were held. Mr. J. S. Wilson was present and addressed the ladies briefly on his work in Northern Wisconsin.

A cordial greeting was extended to our honored guests of the day, the members of the Board of the Northwest, Chicago—Mesdames H. H. Forsyth, N. W. Campbell, T. W. Harvey, W. S. Candee, Robt. Wells and Albert Keep. Beside the ladies of the Board, we were delighted to make welcome, friends from Marinette, Neenah, Janesville, Baraboo, Racine and Waukesha. Mrs. Vedder called for a few words from Mrs. Forsyth who responded with a short talk on the "Forward Movement." Mrs. Forsyth said as a Board they are in accord with it. The "Forward Movement" had primarily two objects: First—To reach men of means who never had contributed to Foreign Missions. Second—To organize the men of the church into societies similar to the women's societies. She emphasized most emphatically the necessity of guarding against the diversion of funds to other objects, no matter how worthy; and especially never to divert any pledge given, as the Board depended on their fulfilment. Mrs. Forsyth urged that Wisconsin support the two young lady missionaries under appointment to Beirut, Syria,

and Pekin, China, Miss Thom and Miss Newell. Mrs. N. W Campbell spoke of pledges. She said that a pledge made toward the support of our missionaries was "just as much a debt to be met as the bill we contracted at our grocer's." If we do not fulfil our pledges to the Boards, then they are without means to meet the salaries of the various missionaries and the missionaries, remember, are only paid enough for a bare living. Mrs. Campbell also asked for 25 per cent. increase in gifts this year. The woman who gave $1.00 last year is asked this year to give $1.25. Mrs. Keep said a few words in behalf of "Woman's Work for Women," and "Assembly Herald," asking that all might take them, and after reading them, send to some one who either could not or would not subscribe for themselves.

Rev. A. A. Kiehle was then introduced and spoke most eloquently from the text, "The things that are seen are temporal, unseen things are eternal." "Astronomers tell us that the fires of the sun will at last burn out, the sun grow cold, and the solar system fall into chaos. Whether natural forces such as light and heat and electricity will perish, may be a question. But spiritual forces and spiritual beings continue. The new nature in those who are born from above, the life of God in the Soul, the likeness of Christ, the graces of the spirit, will be eternal as the throne of God and the Lamb. The outward man perishes, but the inward man is renewed forever."

At the close of Dr. Kiehle's address a delightful luncheon was served by Mrs. Manville, which was followed by a reception tendered to the Board of the Northwest. Following the reception, Mrs. Lewis F. Esselstyn, from Teheran, Persia, was introduced. Peculiar difficulties attend the work in Persia, and its magnitude became impressive as she told of the 5,000,000 women it is our duty to teach. Yet the story was one of encouragement. One of the Presbyterian graduates is at the palace as an interpreter for the Shah, and he takes every opportunity to place religious papers where they may be read. Mrs. Esselstyn spoke an hour but the time was all too short. and we hope to have another opportunity to listen to this interesting speaker.

Mrs. A. A. Jackson of Janesville, presented the provisional program for the Annual meeting to be held in Janesville October 12 and 13. A cordial invitation was extended for all to be present. The keynote of the meeting will be, "To be faithful or personal responsibility."

Mrs. Ogden offered a resolution of thanks to Mrs. Manville for her very generous hospitality which had given us so much pleasure, and made this such a delightful occasion.

Announcement was made of the next quarterly meeting, which will be held in Calvary Church parlors, Wednesday morning, September 7.

After singing a hymn, Mrs. Forsyth led in a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned.

MRS. W. J. McELROY.

We ask for special attention to the following compiled statements received from the Presbyterial Secretaries

PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Societies.	Y. Peoples' and C. E. Societies.	Number of Bands	S. Schools contribut'g to H. M. Collection.	Woman's Work.	H. M. Monthly.	Over Sea and Land.	Contribut'g Members.	Church Members. Women.
Chippewa	11	1		4		31		275	1478
La Crosse	4			1		8	1	112	710
Madison	14	2		1		29	16	269	2602
Milwaukee	13	1		2		71	22	425	2932
Winnebago	15	4				93	74	573	2990
Total for 1904	57	20		8	220	232	113	1654	10712
Total for 1903	63	36		17	207	190	137	2515	10712
Gain					13	42			

PRESBYTERIES.	Foreign.	Home including H. M. in Wisconsin and Freedmen.	Home Missions in Wisconsin.	Freedmen.	Miscellaneous	Money Actually Spent on Boxes.	Est'mated Value of Boxes.	Domest'c Missions and Church Aid.
	V. M. Annuity $319.69	V. M. Annuity $319.69						
Chippewa	592.17	$570.30	$64 57	$93.58	$49.86	$45.00	$145.00	$4,307.79
La Crosse	77.59	112.30		40.88		1.75	8.00	
Madison	499.88	480.70	61.00	84.79	21 74	64.75	206 63	1,568.63
Milwaukee	1,044.01	952.02	122.45	249 69	61.52	357.00	668.00	5,814.37
Winnebago	666 12	814.26	154.16	132.40	156.41	34.21	149.49	5,668.77
Total for 1904	$2,999.44	$3,249.17	$402 18	$501.34	$289.53	$452.71	$1,177.12	$17.359.50
Total for 1903	4,391.33	6.786.63	695.36	754.00	183.65	361.27	1,194 50	
Gain					$105.88	$91.44		

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

UTAH.—It will be remembered that Miss Kyle whose interesting letters kept us in close touch with the work at Parowan, was transferred last fall. She went to the Hungerford Academy at Springville, Utah, and her place was taken by Miss Virginia Lasley, who is assisted by her sister, Miss Agnes Lasley. They are graduates of the same college which Miss Kyle attended, being freshmen when Miss Kyle and her sister were seniors. Parowan is an isolated field and to Miss Lasley, having come from a college town where friends were plenty, to that lonely place, 50 miles from the railroad, with no comrades at all, it seemed at first that they should never get accustomed to the new life; but later as they became interested in working for others, their own lifes grew brighter, so that now, looking back she feels that the year's work has been pleasant and profitable: "The schools have been small, but a wiser hand than ours controls the small things, and to Him they may not seem small. It is a great help to us who are on the field to know that we have the earnest prayers of those at home."

Surely we must take these young women to our hearts. They are as much isolated as any of our foreign missionaries, and an occasional reminder of our interest in them in the shape of a book or picture or magazine, would surely give them an amount of pleasure quite beyond the measure of exertion on our part.

ALASKA.—In a letter dated April 12, Mr. Carle says: "The Presbytery of Alaska has just met and adjourned. Several of the delegates were absent for various reasons so there were but six visiting brethren, one of whom was a native elder. One white elder tried to come, but was stranded on the way, having started in a sail boat, and one minister got lost somewhere and failed to arrive, although he traveled in a steamboat. Mrs. McFarland served supper to all, having invited some of the white residents to be present. Lack of hotel facilities required the brethren to bring blankets for beds. Some had failed to do so, but we succeeded in getting all comfortably provided for, using our parlor floor for a bedstead. The note-worthy feature of the occasion was the fact that for the first time in the history of the Presbytery, a native church was the host. So the meals after the first evening were all served in a native house with native waiters; but a white man, Ole Johansen, was chief cook. If he had not come to the rescue, I think they would have been pretty near a failure.

The church building and other Mission property were all in excellent shape, so that our visitors were surprised and pleased with what they saw of our people."

INDIA.—Late letters from Mrs. Clark inform us of their change of residence. They reached Ludhiana in November, remaining there until after the annual meeting of their mission, when it was decided that they should go to Saharaupur, where they are now settled. She writes:

"I must tell you about our new life and work here—My heart still clung to Ambala and I should have been glad to have gone back there, but we were willing to do just what the mission thought best and now feel quite sure that it was the Lord's will that we should come here where we shall have a chance for larger work than in Ambala.

Saharaupur is a city of about 100,000 people, mostly Hindus and quite ready to hear the Gospel. It is a damper climate and not quite as healthy as some of our cities, but it is a beautiful place where everything grows luxuriously. The great old trees and beautiful gardens attract one. We have them all about the Mission property here. We have four Mission houses near together, the Theological Seminary, the Boys' Orphanage, an old church, seating about 300, and the homes of our native Christians. So we have quite a little town of our own. In the Seminary there are 25 young men; about half of them are married and have their families here. They come for a three years' course and are a good earnest band of young men. In the Boys' School there are 170 boys, from 6 to 16 years old. At least half of them were famine orphans, and the others are from Christian homes, but all are getting good Christian teaching here. They are taught not only the common branches and the Bible, but also several trades, such as gardening, carpentry, shoe-making, tailoring, blacksmithing, etc.

The pastor of onr church is a good faithful man, who has been here some time. We have our church crowded every Sunday for the morning service, and have a large Sunday school. The C. E. Society has about 100 members who are much interested.

We have not only a good deal of native work here, but also some English work. There are twenty or more families who are pure English, the families of civil officers, doctors, judges, etc.; and there is a large community of railway people, at least 1000, living near the station which is close to us. We have English Church Service and S. S. every Sunday, so you can think of us as going to five services on that day and I shall have to play the organ in them all, and teach two S. S. classes, besides lots of meetings during the week. My husband has charge of the general work of the station, though not of the schools; he also has charge of the district or village work in a big district. We have Christian teachers and a few Christians in four villages, and itinerating is done in many villages. Our hands and hearts are very full of the Master's work and we have much to be encouraged over, but the largeness of the work is still, as always, appalling and we need all the help you can give us. It is always a source of strength to know that such a strong noble body of women are behind me as I work here. Remember that we missionaries depend on you and that our work is weaker if you do not pray and stand by us."

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The second quarterly meeting of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society was held at the home of our President, Mrs. A. H. Vedder, Wednesday morning, March 6th, a large and enthusiastic audience present. Mrs. C. A. Maynard presided, and conducted the opening exercises.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of secretaries and treasurer followed—full of encouragement.

It was with sincere regret that the resignation of Mrs. L. C. Smith, Secretary of Literature, was received and accepted. Mrs. J. F. Slagle was elected to succeed Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. L. O. Donaldson has accepted the office of Secretary of Freedmen.

Addresses by Rev. J. L. Wilson and Miss Clara Austin, giving an account of their work, were listened to with great interest.

Mr. Wilson spoke feelingly of the death of Rev. H. L. Humphreys of Hudson, and of the loss which the work in Wisconsin sustains through his death.

Rev. L. C. Smith told of the great work accomplished by our Wisconsin home missionaries and requested another assistant be given Mr. Wilson.

Miss Grace Glenn, Secretary of the Young People's Board of the Northwest, spoke of the newly organized Westminster Guild at the December meeting of this Society. The object of the Guild is to interest young women of the church in missionary and sociological work. A chapter was formed at Calvary church—Mrs. Alfred C. Bell being elected President. The membership numbers twenty, the average attendance sixteen, and good work is being done.

Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald told of the improvements being made at Carroll College and Rev. W. O. Carrier spoke of the progress made and future hopes entertained for the work of that institution.

At the conclusion of the morning session, Mrs. Vedder cordially invited all present to remain and partake of a delicious luncheon prepared for us and to enjoy a social hour.

At the afternoon session it was recommended that the Young People's Societies of the State undertake the support of both Mrs. Wm. Wallace of Saltillo, Mexico, whose salary is $400 per year, and Miss Kate Schaffer of Hainan, China, whose salary is $500 per year.

It was decided to appropriate $500 toward the salary of an assistant to Rev. Wilson and to increase the allowance of Mr. Wilson for traveling expenses $100.

The balance on hand March 1, 1907, for Home Missions in Wisconsin was $157.07.

We were happy in having with us Mrs. A. L. Berry, the new President of the Board of the Northwest and Mrs. A. A. Phanstiehl, Chairman of the committee on placing and support of Missionaries. Their addresses gave both pleasure and inspiration for renewed effort along missionary lines.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions will be held in the Central Presbyterian church, Columbus, Ohio, May 16th and 17th. Mrs. J. G. Albright, Mrs. H. R. Vedder, Miss Jervis and Mrs. H. A. Sifton were appointed delegates to that meeting.

The 36th annual meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest will be held at Detroit, Michigan, April 24th and 25th. Names of delegates should be sent to Mrs. C. A. Strelinger, 312 John R. Street.

Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald and Mrs. F. W. Ells were appointed to represent this Society at that gathering.

Interdenominational prayer meetings will be held yearly hereafter.

The first, held February 26th at Calvary church, was a great success—both in attendance and zeal. Five denominations were represented—Baptist, Congregational, South Side Bible Christian, Methodist, and Presbyterian. About 250 people attended during the day.

The Presbyterial meetings will be held as follows:
Chippewa Presbytery—Stanley, April 12th.
La Crosse Presbytery—Galesville, April 10th.
Winnebago Presbytery—Appleton, April 18th.
Madison Presbytery—Reedsburg, April 16th.
Milwaukee Presbytery—Waukesha, April 17th.

The Presbyterial Treasurers are requested to send vouchers—after their accounts are audited—to Mrs. Henry Phelps, Waukesha, chairman of auditors, by March 20th.

Resolutions of regret for the resignations of Mrs. W. H. Forsythe and Mrs. D. B. Wells were adopted.

Resolutions were adopted expressing the smypathy of this Society for Mrs. H. L. Humphreys of Hudson, Mrs. W. O. Carrier of Waukesha and Mrs. Theo. Beglinger of Oshkosh, who have recently sustained great sorrows in their families.

A rising vote of thanks was given our hostess, Mrs. Vedder, in appreciation of her most generous hospitality.

MRS. HORACE P. YALE, Gen'l. Sec'y.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

NORTH CAROLINA.—In a letter from Miss Bundy, received in December, she gives an interesting account of conditions at Jupiter. It may be remembered that the principal teacher in our school at that place enters into contract with the County to carry on the district school there for five months of the year. The County pays her salary, for that time, to the Woman's Board, thus lessening the expenses of the Board to that extent. The school is kept up three months longer, so that the children have eight months in school instead of the five provided by the state law. Miss Bundy writes: "We began work as usual in August and are now almost through our public term. Knowing our pupils we lost no time in the beginning and some excellent work has been done. These boys and girls are very capable. Ours being the public school of the place, we are visited each year by the County Superintendent. He was much pleased with our school and asked me to go to Asheville, take some of the pupils' work and tell the teachers how our school is graded. The teachers here seem to think it impossible to

grade a district school. We consider that the women of the Wisconsin Synod are joint owners in our school, and that if an honor is conferred on us we must pass it on to them.

"There being no compulsory school law, children go to school or stay at home, as they please or at the caprice of the parents, many of whom are not concerned about the children's attendance until they are in their 'teens' and then it is often too late to arouse an interest. The more one studies conditions in these homes, the more pitiful these cases seem. I feel so much more now than when I began teaching here three years ago, how much our work is needed.

"We have had such a large school. Attendance usually declines the closing weeks of public school, but we have had a steady increase. We are in dire straits now, about our annual Christmas treat. Last spring we applied to the Board for an appropriation for about 60 pupils; now we have nearly 100 in the day school, beside our S. S. pupils. Fortunately the latter organization is going to rise to the occasion and partly furnish their own treat; something they have never before been able to do. (They have to be taught to give, in these mountain districts.) Parents and children look forward to Christmas as if it were the one day of the year."

MEXICO.—The exceptionally fine work done in the Normal School for Girls, at Satillo, is indicated in a recent report from Miss Wheeler: "November 20th, 1906, closed a most successful school year. There were 74 boarders and 50 day pupils. The graduating class numbered 17, a most interesting class. The greater number of the girls had been in the school five or six years, and three, who were day pupils, had never attended elsewhere, but had been members of the same class from the primary grade. Even before school closed positions had been offered the girls, and by the first of January nearly all were settled in schools; some in Mission schools, others in public schools. Six are in our own Mission day-schools on ranches and in small towns.

"During the year nine united with the church on profession of faith; 56 of the 74 boarders are members of the church, and 4 day pupils. There were only 14 vacancies, and 27 new girls have applied for places for the coming year which opens in February. If we only had room we could just as well have 150 girls with the present force of teachers, but every available space is occupied by a bed.

"We have a plan for a new assembly hall with a large dormitory above. We have been promised some help about building it, and hope and pray the day is not far distant when the whole may be given. With more girls we could make the school more nearly self-supporting. Now it is nearly half so, a fact of which we feel justly proud, for we began with no pay pupils. We now receive only girls over twelve years of age, but could have a class of younger pupils who would be glad to pay well."

LYRIA.—Mrs. Bird writes most encouragingly of the work at Abeih. That the young people there are giving to foreign missions is surely a hopeful sign: "In August Mr. Doolittle was with us several days while conducting the annual examination of the Abeih day schools. The hundred children, in the three departments, are most of them under 14 years of age and so not far advanced. All are required to attend Sabbath School and are taught the Sunday lesson on the previous Friday afternoon. Of those examined by Mr. Doolittle in the Westminster Assembly's catechism, eight boys and girls gave perfect recitations and each received the promised reward of a large, well-bound reference Bible. Two of the number were Druse boys.

"A pleasant feature of last summer was the evening meeting for young people held twice a week. The first part of the hour was occupied by our native helper, (who fills the place of pastor,) in a short service in Arabic. The last hour was given to the singing of Sankey hymns in English, the hymns being chosen and given out by the young people. This arrangement secured good attendance and the seats were well filled.

"A Mission Band of little girls from the day school held weekly meetings in summer, in the pleasant shade of trees on the Mission premises. Seated on mats and rugs, they sewed their patch-work and made needle lace. The children of summerers in Abeih and other friends joined them and several missionary talks were given. The avails of mite-box and a few sales amounted to six dollars, four of which were sent to China, and two to a recently opened school for Moslem girls in Egypt. The Abeih girls still make beautiful lace, under my daughter's supervision, and in winter the women carry on the work of making garments for the poor under her direction."

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The third quarterly meeting of the Women's Synodical Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. C. B. Manville, 311 Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, on Wednesday morning, June 5th.

The devotional exercises were in charge of the ladies from Waukesha, led by Mrs. Buswell. Mrs. Vedder presided.

The treasurer's report was the first number on the program and those interested in the financial statement will find it printed on the next page.

Mrs. McElroy then read the greeting sent by the Wisconsin Synodical Society to the meeting of the Boards at Columbus.

Mrs. Sifton, our delegate to Columbus, gave a very interesting account of the meetings, and of the Memorial Hall, in which they were held.

Mrs. Fitzgerald told of the meeting of the Board of the Northwest at Detroit. Both the delegates brought with them in a remarkable degree the very atmosphere of the assemblies they came from, and their hearers had strongly the impression of having attended the meetings.

Mrs. Palmer, Field Secretary of the Home Board, told of the uniting of the Home and Foreign Missionary Board of the Cumberland Presbyterian church with the Northern Boards and of the increased field thus given for work. Mrs. Palmer gave a rapid sketch of conditions in the Northwest, Southwest and Porto Rico, speaking of the earnestness of the Indian women in North Dakota and their large contributions toward the evangelization of their own people. She told of attending one of their meetings. They said to her: "White woman meet one hour, one month; we meet one day one week." No wonder they accomplish so much.

Mrs. Rogers of Portage told the story of a friend of hers who, after taking a course in a medical college, visited India with Pundita Ramabai. She had intended to stay three months and not to practice her profession at all. She has, however, been there thirteen years and has been working hard all that time in helping to relieve the sufferings of Hindu women. Mrs. Rogers quoted from her letters in giving a graphic account of conditions still existing in India.

At the close of Mrs. Rogers' address, Mrs. Manville cordially invited all present to partake of luncheon and enjoy a social hour before the afternoon session.

After luncheon Mrs. Blair of the Board of the Northwest spoke on the subject of life members and regretted that so few had been received lately. In connection with that subject it will be well to quote from a letter received from Mrs. Berry. She says: "We are not taking a pessimistic view of the situation, for as leaders we must always be optimists, yet ever facing in a practical way, the problems that confront us, and as we look into the future of the Women's Missionary Society, we believe we are facing its death fifteen years hence, unless something is done at once to prepare a recruiting line. * * * * * *

The purpose of the Westminster Guild is twofold: 1st, To develop a symmetrical christian young womanhood; 2nd, To bind together for worldwide service the young women of our church. All young women over eighteen years are eligible to membership. It is desirable that meetings shall be held from October 1st to June 1st, and, if possible, fortnightly. There will be three short courses of study each year to be pursued in connection with a text book and with an outline program prepared by the Westminster Guild committee. * * * * * At its meeting in New York on January 7th, the General Board passed the following resolutions: 'The Board has learned with pleasure of the efforts of the Women's Board of the Northwest to increase the interest of young women in Foreign Missions. The organizing of the Westminster Guild, whose object is the federation of Presbyterian young women for the study of what Bishop Westcott calls 'The annals of the present conquest of the Cross' and the mastery of the problems of missionary work, together with definite mission service in the church is a step in the right direction. The Board would heartily commend this new movement.'"

Mrs. Berry, president of the Board of the Northwest, spoke of the part women had played in the beginning of Missionary work, but urged that they should not let go because the men had taken hold, for women always stand for the human touch in any great movement.

Resolutions were adopted on the death of Mrs. Proctor of Neenah. Mrs. Lapham of La Crosse and Mr. Fletcher of Portage.

After the reading of the resolutions the meeting adjourned.

MRS. FREDERICK W. ELLS, General Secy.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT.
From April 1, 1906, to April 1, 1907.

Presbyterial Societies.	Women's Societies.	Young People's and C. E. Societies.	C. E. Juniors Intermediates and Bands.	Contributing S. S.	Copies of Woman's Work	Copies of H. M. Monthly.	Copies of Over Sea and Land.	Contributing Members	Women Members in churches
Chippewa	10	7	2	1	36	40	10	340	1688
La Crosse	10	2			8	5	11	192	822
Madison	15	1	2	6	36	31	17	359	2670
Milwaukee	19	21	12	2	77	78	21	1394	3184
Winnebago	15	22	17	4	66	57	31	621	3680
Total—1907	69	53	33	13	223	211	90	2906	12044
Total—1906	67	88	9	26	472	285	111	1845	11436
Gain	2		24					1061	608
Loss		35		13	149	74	21		

	Foreign Missions V. M. Annuity 2010.92	Home Missions.	Freedmen.	H. M. in Wis. V. M. Annuity 2010.92	Money for Boxes.	Total for Home Missions.	Miscellaneous P. & S. Contingent Fund	Total. V. M. Annuity 4021.84.	Estimated Value of Boxes
Chippewa	256.84	141.74	120.00	140.53	52.27	409.54	34.90	702.28	60.00
La Crosse	93.91	47.22	40.26	75.38		162.86	7.25	269.02	
Madison	552.65	305.09	133.35	91.95	13.61	541.00	34.82	1128.47	174.61
Milwaukee	1228.90	640.74	143.49	272.13	169.07	1056.36	49.60	2334.86	493.00
Winnebago	883.29	1759.45	238.40	370.25	52.78	2420.88	74.95	3384.12	185.28
Synod						2010.92			
Total—1907	5036.41	2894.24	675.50	2960.16	287.73	8601.56	201.52	1184.59	912.89
Total—1906	3616.08	2056.71	701.75	1720.57	335.79	4814.82	222.26	8516.59	1317.45
Gain	1420.33	838.53		1239.59		3806.74		3324.00	
Loss			36.25		48.06		20.74		404.56

THE PRESBYTERIAL TREASURERS REPORTED FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MAY 31, 1907.

	Foreign	Home.	Fr'dmen	H. M. in Wis.	Miscel.	Boxes			Total
Chippewa	10.00	5.10		5.00	1.80				21.80
La Crosse									
Madison	196.26	171.55	31.52	68.74	6.75				474.92
Milwaukee	99.85	107.45	15.05	35.60					257.88
Winnebago	208.35	120.45	88.65	158.23		228.00			803.68

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

WISCONSIN.—While realizing that our own state furnishes a vast field for missionary effort and than many more workers are needed, it is a satisfaction to know that the missionaries whom the Women's societies have been able to send out are laboring most faithfully to scatter the seed which has, in some places, already sprung up. In March, Mr. Wilson reported the organization of two new churches: "On Monday evening, Feb. 18th, I organized the First Presbyterian church of Lomas in Marinette county, with 26 members, 16 upon profession of faith and 10 by letter. Rev. Irvine of Marinette and Rev. Morrison of Crivitz were with me in this work. One elder and three trustees were elected. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. An acre of land was secured for a church site and material promised for a church building. This is a very new community, most of the settlers having moved in during the past two years. On the next evening, Feb. 19th, we organized the First Presbyterian church at Middle Inlet, with 30 members, 24 of whom came upon profession of faith and six by letter. Three adults were baptised. Two elders were elected and ordained and three trustees elected. Here also an acre of land was secured for a church site and material promised for a church building. Both of the above mentioned places are stations on the C. M. & St. P. R. R., and neither of them have any other religious service." In his report for March and April, Mr. Wilson says these are the busy months of the year for him. In addition to the regular Sunday work, there are the meetings of the Presbyteries, the Woman's Presbyterial Societies and the Woman's Synodical Society, when numerous conferences in regard to the work all take time. He also gave a number of Sundays to raising money for Home Mission self support. Making a summary of the distances traveled, he found that the total for the two months amounted to 3273 miles. During the same months, Miss Austin spoke at 3 Presbyterial and 26 Gospel and devotional meetings, traveling 1325 miles by rail and otherwise. She was able to report ten conversions as a result of the Gospel meetings.

MEXICO.—Miss Browning, the former principal of the Girls' Normal school at Mexico City, having resigned this spring, our Miss McDermid has taken her place at the head of the school. It seemed necessary to reduce the expenses somewhat, and Miss McDermid has set herself to that task, with splendid courage and energy. She writes: "We have thirty-three girls and I expect three more boarders. Then there are some twenty day-pupils. My associate teacher and our Mexican teachers are all new to the work, so a good deal falls on me. I am endeavoring to have four of us do what six did last year. To that end we begin school half a hour earlier and I teach eight classes, while endeavoring to do the Director's work. In order to save money also, the girls are doing their own washing, thus entailing on me the arrangement of hours for that. But they seem to like it and everything goes nicely. Several of our graduate girls are to be married. The three whom I have in mind at the moment are marrying the finest young men their respective towns afford. I trust their influence will be potent for good in their new relationships. Such dear girls as they are! The lover of one has waited seven years for her—while she went to school and while she taught later, to fulfill her obligation to the Mission. This, my ninth year, has seen at least one advance for me; I have begun a little public speaking in Spanish. The first time was at a mass meeting of our city S. S. Union in the Methodist church, the topic being 'The Importance of Bible Study.' The second time was at a general review of the S. S. Lesson in our own S. S. at Divino Salvador; the third at a missionary rally in the Presbyterian church at Saltillo. * * * * I trust the work of our Synodical Society is being greatly blessed. Pray for us that every innovation we introduce may be under the direct leadership of the Holy Spirit for the betterment of our Lord's work in Mexico."

HAINAN.—The following are extracts from one of Miss Schaeffer's interesting letters: "This (February) has been a very happy month and I have often been thankful that so many of the friends at home are upholding our station and its interest by their prayers. February 13 was the Chinese New Year's day, and schools and shops are still having a vacation. Some will resume work during the coming week, and some will not begin until two weeks hence. School seems to be the biggest treat that my little girls can imagine, so we are helping them to enjoy the new year season by beginning school early. Leaving school work a little while, let me tell you of the New Year week. We had beautiful weather and callers were numerous. I had fifteen on the first day, thirty-two on the second, ten on the third, and twenty-three on the fourth. These are only the ones who came to my room; others called on the Gilmans, and we were all kept busy. Of the thirty-

two on the second day, more than twenty came in one lot, which consisted of my pupils and their friends. They stayed three hours and I showed them everything there was of interest. Stereoscopic views, which a friend gave, were the biggest treat I had to offer New Year's callers. When the head mason came, he spoke of the early days of his acquaintance with the missionaries, when he built the manse. He said they were reviled by every one; the market people scolded them; their own villagers threatened them, and their families were in terror; all because these masons would consent to put up buildings for the foreigners. 'But times have changed since then,' he said, and looking at his cup of tea and the refreshments he was enjoying, while having a social chat before the grate, he added: 'This makes up for all the opprobrium heaped on me in those days.'"

MRS. GEORGE W. OGDEN,
Secretary of Missionary Correspondence.

VIEWS OF THE MINORITY

The undersigned, a minority of the committee on Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, not agreeing with the majority, desires to express her views in the case.

If the proposed constitution and by-laws are adopted it will mean subjecting the society to an autocratic form of government. The executive committee at the call of one person will be the real governing body despite the clause, Art. IV, Sec. 1 of the proposed constitution, printed in the July issue of The Wisconsin Presbyterian, which states that the government of this society shall be vested in a board of directors. Important business that cannot be foreseen will arise between the annual meetings of the board of directors. As there is no board meeting specified for the time intervening, according to Robert's Rules, page 207, an executive committee shall have all the power of the board between meetings of the board. So the executive committee could conduct all business during the time between the annual meetings of the board of directors. Art. III, Sec. 1 of the proposed by-laws does state that all recommendations made by the executive committee shall be presented to the board for ratification. However, it must be noted that this section does not specify that **all action** taken by the executive committee must be ratified by the board. Action might be taken without a thought of recommending it to the board or again, it might not prevent action first being taken and recommendation being left until the annual meeting of the board when the form of ratifying an accumulated list of recommendations might be observed. A case, during the past year, could be cited of action taken by the executive committee and put in operation after which it was brought before the board which declined to ratify the action.

My reasons are fourfold for believing that the board of directors under the proposed constitution would not meet between annual meetings and the executive committee would transact all business.

First, quarterly meetings will be abolished. It is necessary to have fixed board meetings between the annual meetings so that the executive committee will not have to act for the board as stated above. These regular meetings have the value of being always at a definite time so that members may adjust their plans accordingly, whereas a hasty call to attend a special meeting of the board may not find those members ready. As the income from the Vaughn-Marquis legacy is not determined until March and as the fiscal year of our three women workers commences in April, it is necessary that a business meeting be held at this season every year. A regular meeting at this time should be specified. Then in years past these quarterly meetings have brought inspiration and information to many who could not attend the annual meeting. It may be the thought of the framers of these amendments to have a special meeting of the **society** for just this purpose. However, you will note that although such a meeting is mentioned twice there is no provision made for calling one.

A second reason for believing that the board would not meet between annual meetings is because of the restriction put upon the quorum, Art. 4 Sec. 1 of proposed constitution—at least three presbyterial societies shall be represented in a quorum. We all approve of the theory, but past experience has proved its impracticability. Those directors making a long trip at their own expense might needlessly expend time and money if the meeting were adjourned because of this restriction. It might be possible that the annual meeting would be held in a remote part of the state and only two presbyterial societies represented. How could business be transacted—officers elected?

A third reason for believing that there is no thought of a board of directors' meeting between the annual meetings is that the executive committee may fill any vacancy among the officers or directors until the next annual meeting. See Art. IV, Sec. 4 of proposed constitution. This would seem to be an unusual privilege, for according to the Wisconsin Statutes on Private Corporations, Section 1776, the board of directors has that power.

My fourth reason for believing that it is not expected that the board will meet between annual meetings is found in the provision for the appointment of standing committees. Art. V, Sec. 1 of proposed constitution states that the standing committees shall be appointed subject to the approval of the executive committee, not the board as heretofore. As a committee is responsible to the body appointing it, then the standing committees will report to the executive committee not to the board of directors.

Another query pertaining to this section—Robert's Rules classifies committees into special and standing. Why is auditing committee in a class by itself?

The proposed by-laws are not clear in regard to the personnel of the executive committee. Who are the executive officers? Art. III, Sec. 1 of proposed by-laws.

As five members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum then its majority of three may decide all business of the society. These five or three members may be residents of the same city and even members of the same church for there is no restriction in regard to presbyterial society representation in this quorum.

The special secretaries, such as Secretary for Young People and Children, Secretary for Westminster Guild or Secretary for Freedmen, are not to be members of the executive committee and need not be di-

rectors. See proposed by-laws, Art. III, Sec. 1 and 4; Art. IV, Sec. 1. It is from these specialists that the executive committee and the board of directors gain information and their judgment based on close contact with the affairs of their respective departments is necessary for the furthering of missionary interests. We must not forget that this society is primarily a missionary society and secondarily a business organization. Furthermore, these secretaries may be debarred from voting on affairs very vital to their work if they are not allowed to sit in executive session or are not members of the board of directors. Can you conceive of a really good secretary continuing in office if her office is not recognized with dignity?

Art. II of the proposed by-laws states that the expenses of the members of the executive committee attending meetings and the expense of such officers, speakers and delegates as the executive committee may designate may be paid from the contingent fund of the society. This does not seem quite clear—the expenses of members of the executive committee. Does it mean attending executive sessions, board meetings, annual meetings or just the former?

It does not seem fair that the expenses of the executive committee should be paid when the expenses of the real governing body, the board of directors, are not considered. In either case the assessment levied upon the auxiliary societies to defray these expenses, would be too heavy, for it would be the local societies that would have to bear the additional burden. Art. VII of proposed constitution states that the contingent fund shall be maintained by offerings at each annual and special meeting of this society and an assessment levied pro rata upon the auxiliary societies. The number of meetings will have been reduced. At present offerings are taken at the quarterly and annual meetings so there would be less revenue from that source. The present tax of ten cents per capita together with the offerings and interest from the Vedder contingent fund meets the present expenses, so if an additional tax for traveling expenses of the executive committee (for this is an innovation) is to be met, it means that the societies will be taxed an additional amount.

It should be explained here that in past years private donations, to the amount of one hundred dollars, have been made to the contingent fund. For this reason there has always been a balance on hand. However, these donations cannot be counted upon, as they are uncertain.

By careful estimation the railroad fare, including sleeper, of the executive committee for a single meeting, for instance in Milwaukee, would be just $66.64, almost $70.00. This would mean that every time the executive committee met every local society would be taxed one dollar. Will they accord it?

Possibly one reason for not requiring the special secretaries to be directors is because of the proposed reduction of directors from 105 to 45. It would seem wiser that the number of directors remain 105 so that the field might be sufficiently large for a proper selection of officers and at the same time insure fair representation. The only objections offered to the present number has been that the number looks so large and that 105 postals as notices for board meetings must be mailed.

Art. V, Sec. 2 of proposed by-laws states the exact number of directors to be elected from each presbyterial society. This would seem entirely unnecessary. Art. IV, Sec. 1 of proposed constitution specifies that directors shall be apportioned among the presbyterial societies according to the number of auxiliaries in each society. Besides this section would be subject to constant amendment as the number of societies change each year in the various presbyterial societies. Then too, the boundaries and number of presbyterial societies may also be changed.

Whenever the constitution is amended it must be presented to the Secretary of State for approval and then placed on file in the Department of State. Amending the by-laws alone does not entail this formality. If the proposed amendments to the constitution are adopted I feel certain that in a year or so the society again will be obliged to go before the Secretary of State to amend the constitution. Do we as a society wish to go on record as an uncertain, changeable-minded group of women?

In view of all these objections based on the very fundamental principles of the proposed constitution and by-laws, I recommend that the majority report be not adopted, but for the present and until there seems to be more uniformity of thought, that the present constitution be continued with slight amendments to the by-laws which will not be attended by such legal formality. I would therefore amend the by-laws appearing in the year book 1917-18 as follows: Art. III Sec. 1, omit phrase, "as may be available upon two days' notice," and insert "together with the presidents of the presbyterial societies," to read, "An executive committee to be called together upon need by the president to consist of all officers, chairmen of standing committees, together with the presidents of the presbyterial societies; five members of which shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. Action taken by this committee shall be reported to the board of directors for ratification."

Art. III, Sec. 5, substitute word "available" in place of phrase "resident in Milwaukee" so that it shall read, "A committee on annual and quarterly meetings which shall consist of the available vice-presidents, who shall provide places and programs for these meetings."

Art. IV, substitute "Secretary for Associate Members" in place of "Secretary for Extension Work."

Respectfully submitted,

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